



June 11, 2018

**VIA ECFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington D.C. 20554

**Re: *In re Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks (WC Docket No. 18-141)***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the procedures outlined in the Protective Order issued in the above-referenced proceeding<sup>1</sup> I hereby submit signed Acknowledgments of Confidentiality executed by Jon Banks, Patrick Brogan, and the undersigned of the USTelecom – The Broadband Association for purposes of accessing confidential and highly confidential information and data submitted in this proceeding.

Also pursuant to the Protective Order, a copy of these Acknowledgements will be delivered to relevant Submitting Parties and known Third-Party Interest Holders as appropriate.

Please contact me at (202) 326-7251 if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Holland  
Vice President Law & Policy

Attachments

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<sup>1</sup> *Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S. C. § 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks*, Protective Order, DA 18-575 (June 1, 2018).

## APPENDIX B

## Acknowledgment of Confidentiality

WC Docket No. 18-141

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I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the foregoing Protective Order in the above-captioned proceeding, and I understand it.

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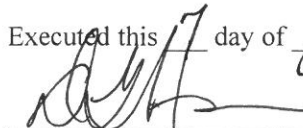
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Executed this 17 day of June, 2018.



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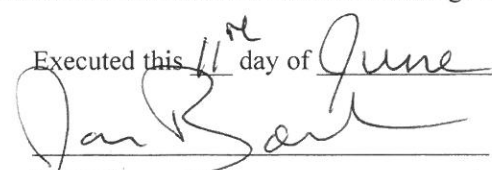
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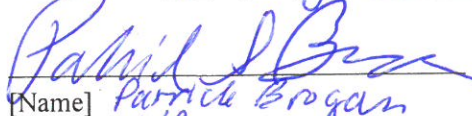
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